

## CARRANZA MAY GET FREE HAND FROM U.S.

President Is Considering Radical Change in Policy Toward Mexico.

### CONSIDERS WITHDRAWAL

Army Officers Urge Movement of Pershing's Forces to the Frontier.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—President Wilson is considering a radical change of policy toward Mexico. The threatened collapse of Carranza's control in the north, the ever increasing chaos throughout Mexico and the hopelessness of making any progress through half way measures have convinced the President, it is said, that he must either give Carranza his full support or let him run matters without interference.

Carranza's refusal to sign the protocol drawn up by the joint American-Mexican commission and his explanation of his desire to have it changed have impressed the President, who sees that if he dismisses the commission and breaks off friendly negotiations Carranza's power will utterly collapse.

Secretary of War Baker and Secretary Lane conferred today. Following the conference it was indicated that the withdrawal of Major-General Pershing's command from Mexico was under consideration. It is the opinion of many officials here that the United States Government should unreservedly agree to Carranza's request that the American troops be withdrawn. Several army officers of high rank are urging that the withdrawal of American troops be made imperative to bring the 12,000 men now in Mexico to positions on the border where they could be handled to better advantage if it became necessary.

Villa is rapidly gaining in strength in northern Mexico that makes his suppression by the Carranza army appear doubtful. Villa's operations in the past few weeks have convinced army men here that he and other leaders of the reactionary movement are following a plan of campaign having for its immediate object the recruiting of an army and the collection of equipment rather than the occupation of territory.

This coupled with the continued operations of smaller bands about Saltillo and other districts, and a more important movement along the central east coast, has caused observers here to regard with greater seriousness the predicament of the Carranza Government. In a considerable area near Tuxpam, Manuel Padua, who has been in control there for almost two years, has recently extended his operations toward the south without opposition. Moving northward, apparently with the intention of joining him is Jose Isabel Robles, with a force estimated at from one to five thousand. If a junction is effected it would make possible the isolation of the Carranza capital from both Tampico and Vera Cruz.

### PEACE CRY TO GREET 1917.

#### Big Demonstration Planned for Washington Square To-night.

Washington Square to-night will flash into light at 11 o'clock to-night as the beginning of a great New Year's demonstration in which at least 10,000 persons are expected to join.

There will be short speeches by Dudley Field Malone, Congressman Meyer London and Dr. Washington Gladden of Columbus, Ohio, and there will be community songs in which most of those present will be expected to join. The slogan of the evening will be "Ring out the old year, ring in world peace."

The assembly is a peace meeting. Similar demonstrations will be held in Chicago, Denver and San Francisco. On the committee are the following: John Haynes Holmes, Paul H. Kellogg, Mrs. Henry Villard, Theodore Herman Marburg, Frederic C. Howe, George Foster Peabody, Emily Greene Balch, George A. Plimpton, Mrs. Bertha K. Baker, Crystal Eastman, Mrs. George Reubens and Hamilton Holt.

### CLOTHING STRIKE NEARS END.

Concessions Made by Both Sides at Four Hour Conference.

A four hour talk between representatives of the 30,000 clothing workers now on strike and of the manufacturers, in the presence of arbitrators, brought concessions from each side which make it likely, according to members of both sides, that a settlement of the strike will speedily be effected.

The meeting was arranged by Judge Julian W. Mack, one of the arbitrators. The chief hitch was over the question of when the forty-eight hour week, demanded by the strikers and granted by the employers, shall go into effect. The employees said January 1; the employers said June 1, and compromise dates were not accepted. It is believed, though, that another session will smooth out this difficulty between them. Judge Mack said after the meeting that considerable progress toward a settlement had been made and that other meetings will be held.

### ROBIN FOUND ON MRS. SMALL.

Expert Testifies Plain Woman Died Soon After Eating.

OSWEGO, N. Y., Dec. 30.—At the trial of Frederick L. Small, charged with the murder of his wife, Florence Arlene Small, a substance found on Mrs. Small's body when it was taken from the smoking ruins of her cottage was identified as rosin, of which Small kept a supply in his workshop, according to previous testimony.

In the opinion of Dr. Howard M. Kingsford, professor of pathology at Yeshiva College, who examined the contents of the stomach, Mrs. Small died within a half hour after eating. The testimony was regarded as important in connection with the defense's contention that Small and his wife ate canned shrimp soon after noon on the day of Mrs. Small's death and that she was alive when he left the house at 9:30 P. M.

### Placed for Cruelty to Turkey.

Isidore Moon, 24 years old, of 27 Rutgers street, employed in a live poultry shop in Second avenue, was found guilty yesterday in Yorkville court of having been cruel to a turkey he was weighing for sale. The bird's wings fluttered; Moon bent them back and locked them. Magistrate Marlow fined him \$10 and as Moon couldn't pay his fine he went to jail for ten days.

### C. L. Tiffany Out of Danger.

Charles Lewis Tiffany, son of L. C. Tiffany and member of the firm of Tiffany & Co., was reported to be out of danger last night at the New York Hospital, where he underwent an operation on Friday. Dr. Eugene H. Pool of 167 East Sixtieth street performed the operation, which was for a tumor of the

## PORK CHASERS NOW FEARFUL OF DEFEAT

They Realize That Rejection of Gag Rule Will Prevent Treasury Raid.

### FORCES BEING RALLIED

More Conservative Democrats Seek to Halt the Rapacious Element of Party.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Opposition to the public buildings pork barrel has been growing to such an extent in the House that the leaders in the fight for the measure are fearful that they will meet with defeat when the proposed "gag rule" paving the way for consideration of the bill is taken up next week.

Realizing that the rejection of the "gag rule" will put an end to the "pork barrel" in the House they are bending their energies to rounding up their forces for the coming fray.

The opposition will be led by some of the most able parliamentarians in the House, among them Lenroot, Wisconsin, who is mentioned as the Republican choice for the Speakership or majority leadership in the next House. It is certain the fight over the proposed special rule will be spirited.

The "pork barrel" pilots admit the danger of their situation. The Republicans are making the most of the situation to put the Southern leaders in a political hole. On the Democratic side the dismal outlook for Treasury finances, a growing deficit threatening to make a bond issue a necessity, has brought the more conservative members to the point of calling a halt upon unnecessary expenditures for fear of political disaster.

Even if the public buildings bill should run the gamut of the House it will have a more hazardous course ahead of it in the Senate. Opponents of the measure are convinced that it will not be necessary for the President to make good his threat of veto.

The possibility of political disaster is not giving much concern to such "pork" pilots as Representatives Clark and Sparkman of Florida, and Henry of Texas, chairman of the Rules Committee. None of them will be in the next Congress. Representative Henry, who aspired to the Senate, was defeated. Representatives Clark and Sparkman were both put out of the running in the primaries.

If the enactment of the public buildings bill creates difficulties for the next Congress, which must struggle with the question of raising revenues, these leaders will be basking in the quiet of private life.

### HELD FOR PADDING PAYROLL.

Remington Arms Manager Accused of \$10,000 Embezzlement.

George W. F. Gillette of 48 Trumbull street, New Haven, was held in \$10,000 by Recorder Carsten in Hoboken yesterday on a charge of having embezzled \$10,000 from the Remington Arms-Union Metallic Cartridge Company of Fifteenth street, Hoboken. Gillette, who is 43 years old and said to be a graduate of Yale, was superintendent of the company's plant in Harrison, N. J. Three thousand men have been employed there making munitions for the Allies.

It was determined to reduce the force recently and it is charged when it came the turn of certain men to be discharged no sum could be found. It is asserted that from ten to thirty dummies have been carried on the Harrison payroll.

Robert N. Davies, auditor of the Remington Arms Company, testified he was directed by Mr. Hyerson, vice-president of the company, to make an investigation of the payroll in the Crucible steel plant in Harrison. He found men employed by the Crucible Steel Company and drawing pay from it also carried on the payroll of the Remington Arms Company. Mr. Wardell of the steel company testified that the men were actually in the employ of the steel company.

Mr. Davies said Mr. Gillette was called in and admitted the men had been wrongfully carried on the Remington company roll. Since then the investigation has disclosed a discrepancy of \$10,429.62 and it is still in progress.

### BATTLESHIP AWARDS SOON.

Companies Agree With Navy Department on Form of Contract.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Officials of the three shipbuilding companies which submitted proposals to construct battle cruisers virtually have reached an agreement with the Navy Department on a form of contract to govern the building of these vessels on a cost and percentage basis. As none of the companies submitted specific cost figures, all four of the cruisers authorized at the last session of Congress probably will be built at actual cost plus a specified percentage.

Present indications are that the awards will be made early next month. The Newport News Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, the Fore River Shipbuilding Company of Quincy, Mass.; the Union Iron Works of San Francisco, and probably William Cramp & Sons of Philadelphia getting contracts for one battle cruiser each. Secretary Daniels has determined to equip the Philadelphia Navy Yard for battle cruiser construction, but that will take more than a year.

### URGE DAYLIGHT SAVING.

Convention Will Be Held at Hotel Astor Jan. 30-31.

Delegates to the National Daylight Saving Convention to be held at the Hotel Astor January 30 and 31 will advocate a plan to have every clock in the United States turned forward an hour and run back again on September 30. The "daylight saving" plan will be introduced in Congress by Representative Borland, of Missouri in measure to provide standard time for the United States.

In Europe the saving daylight plan is permanently established in Germany, Great Britain, France, Austria, Italy, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. It is proposed to induce the public to begin its waking and working day an hour earlier in the summer than in the winter. Thus the working day will end an hour earlier. This increases by an hour that part of the afternoon daylight remaining for recreation.

The Governors of all the States, 150 Mayors, the Governor-General of Canada, the American Federation of Labor, the American Bankers and the American Railway associations, as well as commercial, scientific and labor organizations, will be represented at the convention.

### Phi Kappa Sigma Head Chosen.

Chicago, Dec. 30.—Haselaine Smith of Philadelphia was chosen grand president of the Phi Kappa Sigma college fraternity at the closing session of the fifty-third annual convention here today. Five hundred delegates, representing thirty-five colleges and universities, attended.

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## THE GREAT NEW YEAR SALES

for which unexampled preparations have been made, will take place as specified below

### The January Sale of Linens, Blankets, Bedspreads, Etc.

will open on the Fourth Floor on Tuesday and continue throughout the month of January.

With unsurpassed assortments of absolutely reliable merchandise assembled expressly for this Sale, an opportunity that is rarely equaled is afforded for advantageous purchasing.

Specially priced for the current week are the following items:

#### LINENS

Linen Damask Table Cloths  
each \$2.60, 3.00, 3.50 & 4.50

Linen Damask Napkins  
per dozen \$2.75, 3.75, 4.50, 5.00

Hemstitched Linen Pillow Cases  
per pair \$1.75 to 2.75

Hemstitched Linen Sheets  
at special prices

#### Huckaback Towels

Hemmed  
per dozen \$2.75, 3.75 & 4.00

Hemstitched  
per dozen \$4.25, 6.00, 7.50, 8.00

Turkish Bath Towels (hemmed)  
per dozen \$2.40, 3.60, 4.80, 5.75

#### BLANKETS, BEDSPREADS, ETC.

##### White Blankets

pair \$5.50, 7.00, 8.50 to 11.50

Satin-finish Bedspreads, hemmed  
Size 2x2½ yards each \$2.75  
Size 2½x2¾ yards each 3.25

With embroidered scalloped edges  
Size 2x2½ yards each \$3.25  
Size 2½x2¾ yards each 3.95

##### Crochet Bedspreads

each \$1.35 & 1.75

##### Wool-filled Comfortables

With figured mull top, bordered with plain-color dotted mull; reverse side matching border, each \$6.50

### MUSLIN SHEETS AND PILLOW CASES

#### Sheets

With plain hems  
each 60c., 75c., 85c. to \$1.35  
Hemstitched, \$1.30 & 1.48

#### Pillow Cases

With plain hem  
each 16c., 18c., 20c. to 30c.  
Hemstitched, 32c., 35c. & 40c.

## An Important Sale of Women's American-made Underwear

will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Remarkable Values are represented at the prices quoted, the dainty Undergarments comprising this Sale being all newly and well made, of decidedly superior qualities, and featuring the latest modes and the wanted materials, in silk as well as in lingerie.

#### Nightrobes

Lingerie, \$1.00, 1.45, 1.90, 2.90 & 3.85  
Creme de Chine, 3.90, 5.00, 6.85 & 7.75  
Washable Satin . . . 5.75 & 7.90

#### Envelope Chemises

Lingerie, \$1.00, 1.50, 1.90, 2.85 & 3.90  
Creme de Chine, 1.90, 2.85, 3.90, 4.75 & 5.50  
Washable Satin . . . 3.90  
Regulation Chemises of Lingerie, \$1.00 to 1.85

#### Combination Garments

Lingerie, \$1.00, 1.45, 1.90, 2.75 & 3.85  
Creme de Chine . . . 3.90 & 5.00  
Washable-Satin . . . 5.00

#### Petticoats

Lingerie . \$1.00, 1.90, 2.85 & 3.90

#### Corset Covers

Lingerie, 55c., 75c., \$1.00, 1.50 & 1.90

#### Drawers

Lingerie . 65c., \$1.00, 1.50 & 1.85

#### Knickers

Creme de Chine . . . \$2.50 & 2.95  
Washable-Satin . . . 2.95

#### Camisoles

Creme de Chine . . . \$1.50 & 1.90  
Washable Satin . . . 1.90 & 2.90

### A New Purchase of 54-inch Broadcloth

of exceptional quality, in many new colorings (including oak leaf, leather and the smart shades of green, brown, rose and navy blue), will be on sale on Tuesday, specially priced at \$1.95 per yard

**Semi-made Skirts**  
FOR STREET & SPORTS WEAR  
\$4.50, \$5.50 & \$6.50  
(Wool Dress Fabrics, First Floor)

### 30,000 Yards of Dress Silks & Velvets

arranged in useful lengths, will be placed on sale on Tuesday.

January 2nd, at prices that represent remarkable reductions.

#### SILK LENGTHS

including Metal Brocades, Evening Silks, Plain Silks, White Silks and Black Silks

at 45c. to \$4.90 per yard

#### VELVET LENGTHS

including Chiffon Velvets, Plain Velvets and Plushes, as well as Velveteens and Corduroys

at 45c. to \$2.75 per yard

### An Advance Display of Cotton Dress Materials

for the season 1917, includes many attractive novelties of foreign and American manufacture, exclusive to B. Altman & Co.

### Several Thousand Yards of Embroidered Cotton Voiles

in extremely handsome effects, all white or with colored embroidery, will present very remarkable value on Tuesday at

\$1.10 per yard